

Senate Republican Conference

Jobs Agenda for the 109th Congress:

Reduce the tax burden on American taxpayers and businesses - Extend the lower dividend and capital-gain tax rates and the higher small business equipment expensing provisions through 2010, while working to repeal the death tax

Energy Bill - Allow American businesses the opportunity to provide reliable and affordable supplies of energy to meet America's growing needs while reducing its dependence on foreign sources of energy

Highway Bill - Provide equitable and reliable funding for necessary infrastructure projects

Free Trade Legislation - Approve negotiated agreements that bolster the U.S. economy and expand American job opportunities

Trade Promotion Authority - Extend President's authority to negotiate additional trade agreements to open world markets for American businesses and consumers

Asbestos Bill - Pass asbestos reform that will save American jobs and help injured workers. Target help to those workers injured by asbestos and protect businesses from frivolous lawsuits.

Class Action Reform - Reduce junk lawsuits by streamlining legal process to ensure that injured Americans receive compensation

Welfare Reform Reauthorization - Build on the success of previous welfare reform by expanding work opportunities and strengthening families

Workforce Investment Act - Provide American workers with enhanced opportunities to receive training for new and better jobs

Workplace Flexibility - Permit employers to establish voluntary compensatory and flexible time policies to give employees more choices

Enhanced Workplace Safety - Reform OSHA to increase compliance, reduce wasteful expenses and cut bureaucratic red tape in order to help minimize workplace accidents

Higher Education Reauthorization - Support accessibility and affordability of higher education for all students, and stronger links between post-secondary institutions and businesses